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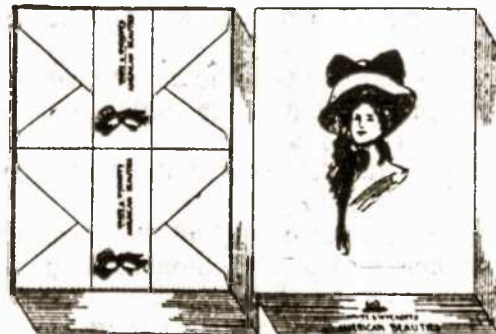
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BUDGET REJECTED

The British House of Lords
Refuses Assent to Bill

A Situation Created Which Is Unprecedented For Hundreds Of Years In British History—The Measure Is Rejected By The Country For Judgment On The King's Speech.

The first effect of the strike was a sharp bulge in the price of wheat on the Chicago grain market late Tuesday. As the roads entering St. Paul, Duluth and Superior are largely grain carriers from the west, the prospect of interruption to this traffic causes some to fear delayed deliveries of grain.

Both sides of the dispute have issued statements. That of the railway managers' commission said:

"The switchmen in the northwest territory made simultaneous demands on 13 railroad companies centering in the Twin cities for double pay for Sundays, holidays and overtime; an advance of 60 cents per day of 10 hours in the wages of switchmen, switch tenders, towermen, engine drivers and assistant yard masters; a modification of the rule providing for the payment of penalty in case of failure to permit switchmen to secure their meal in the middle of their shift at a stated period, which contemplates double pay in cases where it became necessary to work a portion of the meal hour, and the elimination of the physical examination and the age limit placed upon switchmen entering the service."

"The managers' committee offered the switchmen an increase of 20 cents per day of 10 hours in the rates of pay of switchmen employed in the territory west of Havre, Mont., on the Great Northern railway, and west of Billings, Mont., on the Northern Pacific railway, but further concession was declined for the reason that the rates of pay of switchmen were increased over 13 percent in 1906."

At the present rates, the statement says, the wages of the switchmen average more than \$100 a month. It then recites that the managers suggested arbitration under the provisions of the Erdman act, but the switchmen declined this suggestion.

Western Switchmen Strike.

St. Paul, Minn.—After 15 days of negotiating between the switchmen's union of North America and the railway managers' commission, representing 13 roads of the northwest, a strike involving 2300 switchmen became effective at 6 o'clock Tuesday night.

The men demanded six cents more an hour and double pay for Sunday and overtime in excess of 10 hours. The men were employed by the various railroads running west and north of St. Paul and Lake Superior to the Pacific coast.

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Believe Cook in Maine.

Wells Depot, Me.—The people of this village are firmly of the opinion that Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the claimant for polar honors as the first to reach the northern axis of the earth is at the Pine Tree sanitarium here.

They insist that the explorer arrived at noon Monday and will remain in seclusion until he thoroughly recovers from the nervous exhaustion from which he is suffering.

The man was seen on the street at Kennebunk Sunday by Mr. Dodge, the newsdealer, who identified him as Cook.

On his arrival here he telephoned to someone in Boston and then went to the sanitarium.

After an early supper the patient chatted for a few minutes with Mrs. Pitt, wife of the proprietor, Dr. Thos. S. Pitt of Cambridge, Mass. Dr. Cook then retired.

While no one at the sanitarium would admit that the explorer was a patient there, it is regarded as significant that it was equally impossible to find anyone in authority who would deny that he was seeking rest and health at the retreat.

Bishop Dies of Cholera.

Mantla, P. I.—Bishop T. A. Hendrick of the diocese of Cebu died Nov. 30 of cholera. The bishop had been gravely ill for several months and a brother recently came here from New York in the hope that he would be able to take the sick man home.

There have been many cases of cholera at Cebu recently.

Thomas Augustine Hendrick was the first American Roman Catholic bishop of the diocese of Cebu, Philippine Islands. He was consecrated in Rome, Aug. 23, 1903, and took possession of the bishopric on March 6, the following year.

T. A. Hendrick was born at Penn Yan, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1849. He was ordained a priest in 1873, in which year he was made assistant pastor at St. Mary's church, Rochester, N. Y. Subsequently he was rector of various parishes in New York state. He was regent of the university of the state of New York in 1900-03.

Roosevelt Party in Good Health.

Londani, British East Africa.—Col. Roosevelt, Kermit Roosevelt, Edmund Heller and Leslie A. Tarleton have just arrived here from Guas Ingiau plateau. All are in splendid health.

Col. Roosevelt expressed himself as delighted at again meeting R. J. Cunningham and members of the American party who awaited him here. The Ex-President is greatly elated over the success of the hunt on the plateau.

The party will proceed to Njoro, where its members will be the guests of Lord Delamere, on the latter's ranch until Dec. 10, when they will proceed to Nairobi.

CONDENSED NEWS
OF THE ENTIRE WEEK

THURSDAY, November 25, 1909.

Mrs. Clarence F. Glover and Mr. and Mrs. George A. Freeman questioned at Waltham, Mass., police headquarters concerning the tragedy of Saturday night; case of Hattie LeBlanc continued to Dec. 7.

New England's first storm of the winter.

Fitzgerald asks Storrow to agree to \$10,000 limit on Boston mayoralty campaign expenses; latter declines and attacks ex-mayor on his record while in office.

President Taft quite overcome by visit of 24 Buckeye maidens to the White House.

Taft in conference goes over plan to strengthen interstate law.

Hon. Charles F. Jenney of Hyde Park nominated for the Massachusetts superior court.

Dr. Cook's secretary will sail for Denmark today with his polar records.

Standard Oil company ready to obey law as interpreted by United States supreme court.

Knox still waiting for definite word from Managua before letting the blow fall on Zelaya.

Fire prevents taking of more than 150 bodies, found yesterday, out of St. Paul mine.

Plan for \$50,000,000 aqueduct proposed to New York board of estimate. James L. Davenport of New Hampshire promoted to be U. S. commissioner of pensions.

Gold output of United States in 1908 largest on record.

Loeb says more heads must fall in New York customs service.

Attorney General Greenough orders inquest on deaths of babies of East Providence Myrtle home.

Resignation of Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson from membership in the First church of Christ, Scientist, New York, is accepted.

FRIDAY, November 26, 1909.

Waltham, Mass., police learn that Glover home and laundry are assessed to Antonio Le Blanc, a brother-in-law, as owner, and Mrs. Glover says she does not know where this brother is.

Military memorial mass of Ninth regiment, M. V. M., at the cathedral in Boston.

Barges Conewago and E. W. Stetson with nine men probably lost at sea.

Finance commission places responsibility for faulty Boston coal contracts upon assistant superintendent of supply department at the time of making.

Lord Balfour tells house of lords his opinion of what their action on the budget should be.

Elmer E. Williams of Medford drops dead in Mansfield, Mass.

Sutton, Demarest and Slosson win matches in world's championship billiards tournament.

Two boys drowned in Cotuit harbor while hunting sea fowl.

Five members of one family killed, two dying, as result of auto accident near Los Angeles.

President Taft follows Thanksgiving dinner with long walk, accompanied by Atty. Gen. Wickersham.

Groce and Cannon held commissions in the rebel army and were entitled to treatment as prisoners of war.

Crack three-year-old trotters of 1909 bring good prices at Madison square garden sale.

Steamship Saxonia arrives at Boston from Liverpool a day late.

Col. Astor's yacht is still at San Juan.

SATURDAY, November 27, 1909.

Inquest on shooting of Clarence F. Glover to be held at Waltham, Mass., today; physicians examine Hattie LeBlanc in jail.

Hull, Mass., residents reap harvest of rare sea clams washed ashore during storm.

Speaker Cannon declares that if the "insurgents" join drives with Bryan they must be fought as Bryan is fought.

President Taft's big pie has not arrived yet at the White House.

Fight over the British budget declared by T. P. O'Connor to be Ireland's greatest chance.

Force of 300 special deputies assembled to evict strikers in Ludlow, Mass. Cannon's opponents among regular Republican congressmen will not join "insurgents" against him.

Two executions, amounting to \$2, 178,673.33, and costs of \$4166 to be levied against A. S. Bigelow of Boston.

New York banker tells Massachusetts state teachers' convention colleges fall in their chief aim.

First performance in America of Delius' "Paris" by the Boston Symphony orchestra.

Nathaniel H. Taylor warns Boston mayoralty candidates that he will be in the fight when it really opens.

MONDAY, November 29, 1909.

Ex-Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston, in first extended speech of campaign, defends his administration, and says he is waging the people's battle.

Heel print of a man's shoe and broken tree limb found near place to which Glover directed Waltham, Mass., police to find a revolver with which he was shot.

Relief measures started for evicted operatives at Ludlow, Mass., whose patient distress provokes general sympathy.

Beginning Dec. 1, Rhode Island will impose five days' delay on its "Gretna Green" marriages.

Twenty killed and 15 injured in train wreck near Vancouver, B. C.

Remarkable trip of a balloon from Rutland, Vt., to West Lebanon, N. H.

Hot fighting in progress in Nicaragua.

Schooner R. Bowers damaged in collision with steamer off Sandy hook.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, in address to Yale students, says socialism as a program, is a failure.

Number of federal employees has increased to 370,000, or 20 percent, since 1907.

Secretary Ballinger, in his report, urges radical changes in the existing land laws.

Armless girl, by mail appeal, secures \$20,000 from public.

Gen. Verand badly wounded by assassin at Paris, who mistook him for minister of war.

Mme. Steinhell quits Paris for London.

New York minister calls on Rockefeller to contribute 100 words to the world's religious literature.

Dr. Cook's brother says explorer is in retirement near New York; Walter Wellman pronounces Cook an impostor.

TUESDAY, November 30, 1909.

Boston police arrest Samuel I. Gordon and Morris Rudnick, charged with arson, and Bernard Davies with being accessory, and recover \$5000 worth of furs.

New plans for administration of the navy and yards go into effect tomorrow.

Jury secured to try James M. Harmon, Jr., for the murder of Maud H. Hartley, 17, at Somerville, Mass., Dec. 18, 1908, the fact of the shooting being admitted.

Tobie Le Blanc purges himself of contempt before Judge Luce at Waltham, Mass., is given \$450 for his trouble and turned loose.

Schooner M. L. Wetherell sought by owners for two days, found anchored in Boston harbor.

Morgan interests secured control of Guaranty trust company of New York.

Trial of indicted sugar employees begins in New York.

U. S. supreme court sustains decision prohibiting reduction of terminal charge by railroads at Chicago.

St. Louis boy of 13 years arrested and accused of robbing a bank.

Labor leaders confer with Taft on legislation desired.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook reported in retirement near Bronxville, N. Y.

New five-day handicap for elopers makes the race impossible at the Rhode Island "Gretna Green."

Venerable whaling bark Canton of New Bedford a wreck on the cape Verde islands.

Prominent New Yorkers form Women's Suffrage league.

New York to erect 25-story municipal building.

WEDNESDAY, December 1, 1909.

Prosecution in the Harmon murder trial at East Cambridge, Mass., rests its direct case, a line of testimony intended to establish motive having been excluded.

House of lords rejects the liberal budget by overwhelming majority and epoch-making political battle is on in England.

Appraisers' estimate places the E. H. Harriman fortune at \$149,000,000.

Rockefeller hastens east because of alleged plot to kill or kidnap him.

Collector of the Port Lyman denies Boston customhouse is being investigated.

Government accused of connivance with Ludlow manufacturing associates to import contract labor.

Sentence of Warry Charles and Joe Guey commuted to life imprisonment, by Gov. Draper of Massachusetts.

Solid breakwater at Scituate, Mass., partly undermined by tremendous sea.

Secretary Wilson finds the average retail profit on beef is 38 percent.

James F. Bendoricel will tell all he knows, according to his counsel, in the sugar fraud cases in New York.

No news of men adrift in boat from gunboat Marietta.

John G. Coolidge of Boston mentioned for minister to Chile.

GENERAL UPRISING FEARED.

Latest Advises Indicate That Zelaya Has Lost Control Of Situation.

Washington, D. C.—Almost co-incident with the news that a French warship was on the way from Martinique to Nicaragua the French ambassador, M. Jusserand, appeared at the state department to give assurance that no interference with the plans of the United States was contemplated, but that the presence in Nicaraguan waters of French warships would be only for the purpose of guarding the interests of French subjects.

The danger of a general uprising in Central America has increased within the last few hours. Nicaragua's sister republics look upon Zelaya as a menace to their peace and general interests, but such is the suspicion of the motives of the United States by the statesmen as well as the plebians of the Latin race that they resent what they term hasty action by this government in the steps taken to wipe out a national indignity.

The latest advises indicate that Zelaya has lost control of the situation, and it would be no surprise to the state department to hear at any moment that his government had been overthrown and that he was under arrest or had fled his country.

Communication between this government and its representative at Managua is still unsatisfactory, although the information already received proves to the officials of the state department that its comprehensive plans for the protection of Americans and American interests have been well taken.

The official irritations which have marked the communications thus far received arise through the absence of that essential information.

The state department officials believe that Zelaya has tampered with dispatches intended for the United States government. Every evidence is presented that the communications have at least been edited by the Nicaraguan government. Zelaya was caught at this game several years ago and there has been no sign that he is not following his old practice.

A close scrutiny of official dispatches show great variance. It develops that inquiries which were made many days ago as to certain important points are yet unanswered, although later inquiries have been promptly given. From the nature of the advice the suspicion prevails that Zelaya may have practiced coercion, for the information does not tally with the official dispatches received by the state department.

Sale Of Wife Charged.

Buffalo.—Ernest Phillips of Akron and Edward Smith, a farmer near Lockport, were held for the grand jury on a charge of violating the penal statute that prohibits the selling of a woman.

Phillips' wife was found living in a barn with her child, and declared her husband had sold her to Smith for \$150, and that Smith had turned her out.

When arrested Smith admitted that he had lived with the woman, but said he did not know she was Phillips' wife. The alleged sale of the woman was the result of a talk the men had in a tavern. Smith had said no woman would live with him, whereupon Phillips is alleged to have said: "You can have my wife for \$150."

"I had only 10 shillings," Smith explained, "so I borrowed a quarter. When I got ready to go home the woman climbed into the wagon and went home with me."

Mrs. Phillips is now in the poor-house.

Brewster A Total Loss.

Beaufort, N. C.—With hold filling with water through holes punctured in the bottom by the severe pounding on the rocks last night, the German steamship Brewster, which stranded on the treacherous Diamond shoals, off cape Hatteras, Sunday night, and whose crew was rescued by life-savers, has been given up by the rescuers as a hopeless wreck.

Her cargo of bananas and coconuts is also a total loss, as salvage steamships could not approach near enough to lighten the truft.

The wrecking steamer Coley, from Norfolk, and the revenue cutter Onondaga were forced to seek shelter last night. The men of the steamship's crew who were rescued Monday by life-savers, are still at Hatteras.

Nicaraguan Rebels Win.

Colon, Panama.—A wireless dispatch received here from Bluefields, dated Nov. 30, says:

"After five hours of fighting Tuesday the revolutionists under Gen. Matuty defeated 1000 government troops in the neighborhood of the topaz mine above Rama."

"Several standards and a quantity of arms and ammunition fell into the hands of Gen. Matuty."

"The Zelayan troops lost 80 men killed and many wounded, while the revolutionists, who fought behind boulders and other protections, lost 20 men killed."

American Consul in Danger.

Washington, D. C.—The U. S. consul at Managua has been threatened by President Zelaya, and he has been granted permission to occupy the legation premises, as being more secure.

The Nicaraguan congress will assemble next Wednesday, Dec. 1, and it is rumored that President Zelaya will retire and possibly attempt to escape from the country at night by the Pacific coast. Anarchy, it is said, may ensue.

Persistent rumors from various quarters indicate that Irias may succeed Zelaya as president of Nicaragua.

This information is embodied in telegrams, more or less delayed in transmission, which have been received at the state department from the consular representatives of the United States in Nicaragua.

Tokens to Carnegie Pile Up.

London.—The accumulation of caskets containing addresses, gold keys and other mementoes of Andrew Carnegie's benefactions has become so considerable that his friends propose that a museum to hold them be erected at Dunfermline, Scotland, where he was born.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

First Parish (Unitarian.)
Main street and Parker avenue.
Rev. Daniel M. Wilson, minister.
Services at 10.45 a. m.
Sunday school, 12 m.

Trinitarian Congregational.
Main street, near Mill Brook.
Rev. N. Fay Smith, pastor.
Services.
Sundays, 10.45 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.
Thursdays, 8 p. m.

St. Patrick's Parish.
Main street.
Rev. J. S. Nelligan, pastor.
Services every alternate
Sunday at 8.30 a. m.

CHURCH NEWS.

Items for this column should be sent to the editor before Tuesday noon.

Rev. Mr. Kent of Northampton occupied the Unitarian pulpit last Sunday.

Rehearsal of Christmas music at the North church this afternoon after school.

Rev. Martin D. Kneeland of Boston, secretary of the New England Sabbath Protective League, will open in the North church on Sunday evening.

The Women's Foreign Missionary society held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday at 3 p. m., in the parish house. Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle introduced the subject: "The Gospel in France."

Ernest Billings has resigned as janitor of the Congregational Church and William G. Slade is doing the work. Much regret is expressed at the resignation of Mr. Billings as he has been a very efficient janitor.

Next Sunday the annual offering for the American Missionary Association, which works among the negroes and Indians in the south and west, will be received at the Congregational Church. The work of this Association was under consideration at last night's prayer meeting.

Thanksgiving Address.

In the course of his address at the Thanksgiving day service at the Congregational Church, Rev. N. Fay Smith spoke in part as follows from the text: "I will be glad and rejoice in Thee." (Psalm 9: 2):

One cannot but feel in reading the Bible how large a place is given to praise, joy, a happy and glad experience. This is the nature of the Jewish religion in the Old Testament. In the seventh month there were two feasts of praise, the feast of trumpets, and the feast of tabernacles, in the latter of which seven days were occupied in praising God. The poetry of the Old Testament also shows a religion of radiant thanksgiving. And this is even more true of the New Testament. The Gospels and epistles are full of the joy and blessing of the Christian life.

The Hebrew and Christian religions are differentiated in this from all other religions. The sense of sin and consequent alienation from God have given place to the sunshine of His forgiveness and presence.

The psalmist found cause for gladness and rejoicing in God. David had experienced the perils of man, he had known suffering and persecution; but he did not allow man to obscure the face of his Father. Behind all that came to him was the Person who was the eternal source of all his blessings. He was not embittered by what man had done to him, but would say: "I will be glad and rejoice in Thee."

God is still the unchanging object of praise. If the past year has brought something of sadness, if the outlook inclines you to pessimism, if every earthly hope has been blasted, we can still say: "I will be glad and rejoice in Thee!"

I recently read an article entitled, "A Course of Treatment in Thanksgiving." Praise does not well up spontaneously even in Christian hearts, and we need to train ourselves in the habit and practice of thanksgiving. How? By expressing our gratitude in praise and in prayer, by weaving it into our testimony and conversation. We shall then see things to be grateful for that otherwise we should never think of.

In this public service we are celebrating a national festival. Our governor's proclamation has brought us together. How can we mention all the things we should be thankful for! No great calamity has overtaken our nation the past year, no famine, no pestilence. We have had abundant harvests. All over the land is the sound of business revival. The revival of morality also goes on. The stream of benevolence flows fuller than ever.

None of the states has been more favored than our own, and no town has more to thank God for than ours. We have had good crops, an honest and capable government, the conferences never reached a higher level. If any community in the United States has reason to thank God, it is ours. Let us begin today, and keep right on till next Thanksgiving. Let us live so that we may continually say: "I will be glad and rejoice in Thee."

A goodly number of townspeople and students attended the service. A ladies' quartet from the Bible school sang a selection.

AROUND THE HUB

(Special Correspondence.)

Favors Armenian Citizenship.

An important question relating to the eligibility of Armenians, Turks and Syrians to citizenship is under consideration by Judge Lowell of the U. S. circuit court.

The department of commerce and labor objects to the naturalization of four Armenians of Worcester on the ground that they are Asiatics, and under the law not entitled to citizenship. Judge Lowell invited Moorfield Story, as a friend and officer of the court, to prepare a brief for him, and Mr. Story has submitted it to the judge.

The entire question hinges on the construction of the phrase "free white people," and the department of labor contends that it was the intention of congress to exclude Mongolians and all Asiatics. The department claims that Armenians are Asiatics and not free white people within the meaning of the law. It bases its contention on a decision made a number of years ago by Judge Colt of the U. S. circuit court who held that Asiatics were not eligible to citizenship.

The Armenians claim that they are free white people within the meaning of the statute, and while they are geographically Asiatics they are by race Indo-European, the same as the Greeks. Mr. Story sustains the contention of the Armenians that while they are geographically Asiatics they are of the Indo-European race and they are not of the yellow or the brown race, but are white people within the law.

There are 50,000 Armenians in the United States, chiefly in New England and in California. In Worcester there are 10,000 of which 3,000 are citizens in Boston. The Armenians in Worcester, Boston, Providence, and other places plan a mass meeting to protest against the action of the department of commerce and labor.

Judge Lowell asked James Farrell, head of the commerce and labor bureau, if the department included the Semitic race, and he said that the question had not been raised as yet.

Anniversary of First Balloon Ascension.

The Aero club of New England, the first club of its kind in America, held its annual banquet and meeting at the City club last week in observance of the 126th anniversary of the first balloon ascension, 44 members being present. Prof. William H. Pickering of Harvard presided and the speakers were: Cortlandt F. Bishop of New York, president of the Aero club of America, who spoke on "Aeroplanes"; William C. Hill summarized balloons and aeroplanes in New England; William C. Van Sleet of Pittsfield, who has made 57 ascensions in a balloon; Leo F. Stevens and Charles J. Glidden, president of the Aero club of Philadelphia.

Charles J. Glidden and H. Helm Clayton reported for the committee on balloon ascensions and parks that since the organizations of the club Mr. Glidden, Nason H. Arnold, Mr. Clayton, J. Walter Flagg and Jay B. Benton have qualified as pilots. Aero parks have been established at Pittsfield, North Adams, Springfield, Fitchburg, Lowell, Manchester, N. H., and Rutland, Vt.

It was reported that there have been no accidents or damage to property, or any close call or thrilling experience. The use of the Boston has been discontinued and a new balloon ordered. It was recommended that a new balloon of 40,000 cubic feet capacity, to be called the New England, be ordered. There are 30 persons awaiting their first ascension, and three have signified their intention to qualify as pilots.

Salesmanship Instruction.

Reports submitted at the annual meeting of the Women's educational and industrial union cited a variety of evidence of the value of the course of instruction in salesmanship at that institute, of which 212 graduates have been turned out, most of them now employed in local department stores. It was stated that demands for teachers in that line are coming in all the time from merchants in other cities, where there is a desire for similar courses.

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JANUARY

JANUARY 1.

My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.—*Psalm 5: 3.*

The harder the day before me, the more earnest my prayer should be.

JANUARY 2.

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?—*1 John 5: 5.*

Unbroken faith means uninterrupted victory.

JANUARY 3.

Lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.—*2 Corinthians 12: 7.*

Don't let speculation as to the thorn obscure its design and effect.

JANUARY 4.

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.—*1 John 3: 16.*

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Will the 25-cent subscribers please remember that their time is up on December 31? Better renew at once, and miss no issues.

BOYS' BRIGADE.

Four new members were added during November.

Don't miss the great entertainment in the gymnasium next Monday evening. See advertisement in another column. The Mt. Hermon orchestra will play in Northfield for its first appearance.

A few nice uniforms are waiting to be filled by boys over 15; no charge for uniform, and dues only 25 cents a month. Decide to join at once!

Each drill night through the winter a team will run from Fred Proctor's barn to the Skinner gymnasium to convey boys living at the centre. Through Mr. Proctor's kindness and generosity there will be no charge for the ride.

Miss Prim's kindergarten, a modern arrangement of "The Deedrick Skule" will be given in the Town hall Friday evening, Dec. 10, at 8.00 p. m. by the ladies of the Eastern Star, with Mrs. Gertrude Starkweather in the character of Miss Prim. The proceeds to go toward the fund now being raised for the Eastern Star home.

Mrs. M. I. Smart of Kenton, Pa., is the guest for a few weeks of Dr. and Mrs. N. P. Wood.

It is easier to prevent ill habits than to break them.—German.

NORTHFIELD

The youngest son of Simon Fisher is ill with diphtheria.

Miss Dutton and Miss Thurston are spending a week in Winchendon, Mass.

Mrs. Carrie J. Rice has sold her real estate to Mrs. Nettie Woodworth of Gill.

Mrs. F. C. Jackson has been in Vernon the past week, at Charles Jackson's.

Mrs. Fannie Colton has been the guest of Miss N. F. Alexander for the past week.

Fred L. Proctor and family spent a few days last week at R. O. White's, North Orange.

Miss Amelia Bragg of Northampton has been the guest of her cousin, Miss Blanche Carpenter.

Gertrude and Ethel Proctor have been entertaining their cousin Lucy Hammond of Gill.

Born, Monday evening, Nov. 29, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Foley of West Northfield.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Pomeroy of Barnardston were calling upon old friends in Northfield Tuesday.

Lowell R. Brown is now grandfather of a son born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Parks of West Northfield.

Family parties were held on Thanksgiving at Wm. Alexander's, A. W. Proctor's, and Joseph Colton's.

Frank Parker of Pine Meadows has sold his tools and stock except one pair of horses to Chas. Tenney.

Leon Pratt was so seriously bitten by a dog a few days ago that the wound required several stitches.

Miss Jennie Burroughs of Montague, who has been substituting at the telephone exchange, has returned home.

Albert Green of Leyden came to Northfield last Sunday to see his sister, Mrs. Doolittle, who was quite sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Williams and daughter Barbara spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Williams' father at Amherst.

Mrs. Rose Stearns Chamberlain and little daughter, Gertrude, spent several days in town recently at Mrs. Ed. Whitcomb's.

Mrs. David Ball has bought the place of William M. Moore on Main street, which he recently vacated, and has taken possession.

Miss Inez Hull of East Northfield is assisting in the office of the Press and will be in the salesroom during the holiday season.

Harold B. Sherwin and daughter Margaret of N. Y. City, are visiting Mr. Sherwin's mother, Mrs. Ellen Sherwin, on Main street.

Yesterday at 2 p. m. C. H. Webster, Executor, sold at auction the household goods and stable furnishings of the estate of C. A. Linsley.

L. Henry King of Hartford, Conn., and his sister, Miss Maude King of Holyoke, were guests of Mrs. A. L. Carpenter over Sunday last.

Dr. A. L. Newton has erected a fine monument on his lot in the cemetery, the work being done by the Aberdeen Granite Company of Quincy.

Edw. Pratt of West Northfield acted as installing officer at the installation of officers in Harmony Lodge last night. The 3d degree was worked.

The real estate, ice business, and personal property of Fred W. Doane will be sold at auction Tuesday, Dec. 7, at his home on Warwick avenue.

The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary held their regular meeting Thanksgiving evening. A good number were out, and Mrs. Julia Proctor was initiated into the order.

Free bus-rides will be given patrons of the Boys' Brigade entertainment at Skinner gymnasium next Monday night, leaving George's drug store at 7 o'clock.

At its 11th annual meeting, in the Cooley house, at Springfield, Dr. A. L. Newton was elected vice-president of the N. E. association of the Albany Medical college.

The annual meeting of Northfield chapter, Order of Eastern Star, was held at Masonic hall Wednesday evening, when officers were elected for the ensuing year.

An entertainment such as has always been popular with the people will be given in Skinner Gymnasium next Monday evening by the Boys of Co. A. See "ad" in another column.

Mrs. F. I. Stockbridge was called to Clinton, Mass., last Wednesday by the death of a niece, the daughter of Hon. Lucius Field. She had been afflicted with spinal trouble for a long time.

Miss Gertrude Hutton went to her home in Bedford, N. H., for Thanksgiving vacation, taking Miss Katherine Carpenter with her. Miss Leona Batchelder went to Suncook, N. H.

Among those who were home for Thanksgiving were Miss Marion How-

ard from Putney, Vt.; John Wall from Boston; Miss Helen Nye from Springfield, at Mr. and Mrs. George McWilliams'.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Woodward have accepted an invitation to spend the winter with relatives in Pennsylvania. Mr. Woodward has not yet fully recovered from the effects of an operation for appendicitis.

Three dogs, not yet definitely located, went on a rampage last Tuesday and attacked two cows on the Warwick road, biting them so severely that in one case recovery is doubtful. Northfield does not need that kind of dogs.

Davis Hart of the Rarms, while preparing to attend the town meeting last week, had the misfortune to break his shoulder. He came to the meeting all the same and did not realize the extent of his injury until after he returned to his home.

Mrs. Wm. Nichols of Mount Hermon went to Springfield Tuesday, accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Newton, to undergo an operation by Dr. Weiser in the Springfield hospital. The operation was performed Tuesday evening. At latest reports say Mrs. Nichols is resting comfortably.

Mrs. Doolittle and Miss Venton are preparing to open up a new store in the Parsons building on Main street next Monday, December 6, equipped with a full line of ladies' and children's furnishings. Just now special attention will be paid to Christmas specialties. See advertisement in another column.

At the annual meeting of Harmony lodge last Wednesday evening the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year: W. M. Nelson D. Alexander; S. W. Henry W. Russell; J. W. Henry A. Smith; treasurer Clinton A. Ware; secretary, Thomas R. Callender. After the meeting a reception was held in honor of the chaplain, Rev. Daniel M. Wilson. A nicely-engraved loving cup was presented him by the members.

NORTHFIELD FARMS.

Murray Hammond was home for Thanksgiving.

Bert Smith and wife of Brattleboro have been at Fordyce Smith's.

Miss Robbins of Monson began her duties as teacher of the Farms school Nov. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Starkweather of New Jersey are at Fred Ruggles' for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilbert spent Thanksgiving in Orange with Mrs. Gilbert's sister.

Mrs. Hattie Wood has been entertaining her father Mr. Hervey and Robert Mitchell and wife.

Mrs. Jessie Alexander entertained the Marietta club to a covered dish party at her home last Thursday.

Mrs. Thornton, mother of Eber and Levi Thornton passed away Sunday morning after an illness of only ten days.

There were Thanksgiving gatherings at O. D. Adams', L. E. Fisher's, O. L. Leach's, Oscar Wood's, and Fordyce Smith's.

The chicken supper and dance given by the committee Tuesday night was so well attended that the capacity of the hall was hardly sufficient for the people.

The music and hall were donated and \$60.00 were added to the piano fund. A minstrel show is planned for Saturday evening, Dec. 11.

All regret the removal from town of Frank Parker and family. He has bought an ice and wood business in Holden and will move in two weeks.

He has sold his farm, stock and tools to Mr. Henry. Mr. and Mrs. Parker will be missed very much in the community as they were always ready to lend a helping hand.

The Conservation of Energy. The laws of the conservation of mass and of energy require restatement. Taking the universe as a whole, there is always a restoration of mass or of energy which disappears in time at some given point, but in general reappears at some other time or place.

Thus if atoms are destroyed in radioactive transformations, there must be some other part of the universe where these atoms are reproduced. Temporarily the energy concerned in the formation of an atom is set free in the destruction of the atoms of radium, evolving enormous quantities of heat. Some of this heat may be eventually transformed into radiant energy, passing out into the free ether, there to exist for a time as temporary mass until it is again fixed in new forms of material substance, for the ether is the great storehouse of energy. Shall an atom outlast a star? Are they not both parts of a fleeting imagery—a series of dissolving views which come and go as the ages move?—Frank W. Very, in Science.

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PROGRAM

Part I

1. Music..... Mt. Hermon Orchestra, 15 pieces
2. Exhibition and competitive drill..... Company A Judges from Vermont Academy, Saxons River, Vt.

Part II

1. Music by Orchestra..... Sports between Mt. Hermon and Co. A
2. 3-Legged Race—Broderick and Dalton, C. Newton and E. Howard, Upton and J. Anderson, S. Marshall and S. Magill
3. Shoe Race—Waite, Wood, Carpenter, McLain and Shea
4. Relay Race—Ehinger, J. Anderson, Bowman, Short, Gilmartin, N. Long, H. Spencer, A. Spencer
5. Sack Race—Doane, Upton, Marshall, Bowman, Magill, J. Anderson
6. Potato Race—Carpenter, Wood, McLean, Shea
7. Senior Tug O'War—Carr, Holton, Dalton, E. Howard, R. Spencer, McLean, Magill, Bowman, Marshall
8. Mile Race—N. Long, Gilmartin, Rankin, Case, A. Spencer, H. Spencer
9. High Jump—Bowman, Short, Anderson, Ehinger, C. Newton, Broderick, E. Wallett

Part III

- BASKET BALL GAME..... CO. A vs. MT. HERMON
- Co. A..... Mt. Hermon
- R. Culver, capt..... Bowman
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FRANKLIN COUNTY

During the past week Millers River has reached the lowest mark of a dozen years, and considerably lower than during the drouth of last summer.

The annual meeting of the Franklin Co. Agricultural Society will be held Saturday, December 18. The receipts at the fair last fall were sufficient to pay the bills and leave a little surplus.

Mr. Brown, the veteran conductor on the Fitchburg road, made his first run as conductor 44 years ago on November 25, from Boston to Concord, running as substitute for the regular conductor.

The Connecticut Valley Street Railway Company has ordered of the Watson Manufacturing Company of Springfield two new cars that are heated by hot water instead of by electricity. The cars are fitted with the latest improvements aside from the new heating device, and will run between Greenfield and Turners Falls in rush hours, and part of the time will be on the Northampton division.

William S. Johnson of Boston, formerly assistant chief engineer of the State Board of Health, now in private practice, was in Greenfield last week in consultation with the committee representing the town on taking the sewage out of Green River and disposing of it otherwise than by allowing the sewer to discharge in the river and polluting the water and creating a very disagreeable condition in warm weather when the water is low. A preliminary survey for an intercepting sewer from Shelbourne Street, where the main sewer discharges into the river to a point below Cheapside, was made last year. The proposed sewer has been planned with a view to a filtration plant at some time in the future when the town is ready to go ahead with the work of installing such a plant. The approval of the State Board of Health is necessary before actual work begins. It has been recognized for some time that the sewage is about the most serious problem confronting the town.—Republican.

Mount Hermon School

Rev. E. C. Ray of Philadelphia preached here last Sunday.

Miss Mary J. Miller, Secretary of the school, has returned from her annual vacation.

A special feature of the service was the singing of "A Hermon Hymn," written by Professor Duley '93, to the tune "Austria."

Mr. and Mrs. Nicolls, and their son Philip, spent Thanksgiving in Hardwick, Mass., at a family reunion of Mrs. Nicolls' family.

The concert closed with a battle hymn from "Rienzi," "Romans Arise," sung by the Glee club, accompanied by the orchestra, which was a very fitting climax for the concert.

Spring Brook Creamery, the best cow owned by the school, recently broke the world's record for milk and butter in an official test conducted by Mr. H. H. Gibbs, of the Massachusetts Experiment Station.

The new dining hall is to be furnished with mission furniture. The tables are to have a dull finish and will be used without tablecloths. The chairs have already arrived, and add a great deal to the appearance of the interior of the building.

The first number by the Glee club, "Hark, the Trumpet Calleth," was encored. Professor Spessard sang three selections in a fine bass voice and interpreted them very dramatically. He is a graduate of the New College of Oratory and the Conservatory of Lebanon Valley college.

The following Alumni were back at the school, to celebrate Thanksgiving: J. L. McConaughy '05, J. L. Dalrymple, H. Cloud, M. M. McDermott '06, W. Y. Duncan '06, E. C. Kavanaugh '07, A. E. Stone '07, Donald McConaughy '08, W. T. Walker '08, W. B. Moody '08, H. Jacobson '09, J. J. Wendell '09.

On Thanksgiving eve the Seniors carrying on the custom of previous years, marched through the dormitories and cottages singing and shouting their songs and yells. This march lasted from midnight until two in the morning, and they managed to waken most everybody on the campus.

After the service the Thanksgiving dinner was served in the dining hall at 1.30. The several classes had decorated their tables with their class colors, the dining hall presenting a very artistic appearance. The school marched in the order of classes, and gave their yells and songs during the dinner.

The violin trio with piano accompaniment was excellent, the smoothness

and fine interpretation was greatly appreciated by the audience. The three violinists are of a very high class, Mr. Benedict having played in the Princeton orchestra and Messrs. Tolman and Doremus being without a doubt the two best student violinists in school.

The Thanksgiving celebration this year proved to be one of the best ever observed at the school, both because of the fine program, and the increased facilities of service in the new dining hall. At eleven o'clock the Thanksgiving service was held in the chapel. The President's Proclamation was read by Professor Cutler. Rev. J. East Harrison preached the Thanksgiving sermon.

Of all concerts given at Mt. Hermon in recent years by the students, this one is said to be the best, by those in a position to judge. Professor Arthur Ray Spessard, the new musical director showed his ability both as a leader and soloist. The whole concert from start to finish was a decided success. The first number by the orchestra produced a very favorable impression, and the interest and attention of the audience increased as the concert progressed.

Overtown hall celebrated the recent victory over Crossley and Cottages in the Inter-dormitory Road Race, by a huge bonfire built on the Overtown field, on last Monday night. During the construction of the bonfire A. G. Day fell from the scaffolding and cut his forehead rather seriously. After the fire the whole Overtown Association went over to Dwight's Home, where a cheer was given for Day. From Dwight's Home a circuit was made of the whole campus, the parade ending again at Overtown.

COMMUNICATED.

Editor of The Northfield Press:—

Another town meeting has been called to undo what was done at the last one. Stripped of all verbiage the object of this meeting is to destroy one of the beautiful spots on Northfield street.

Mary A. Livermore once said to the writer: "Old Northfield street cannot be surpassed in point of natural beauty in the civilized world and it is made so by its wonderful old trees."

If the proposed school building and memorial hall is located in the place indicated in the last town warrant, it will cause the destruction of seven or more beautiful old trees, the lives and beauty of which, by proper pruning and care, can be preserved indefinitely, as any man versed in the science of forestry will tell you. Christopher Clark of Northampton is a great lover of trees and he urges that no tree on land owned by the Commonwealth or a municipality, if it bear leaves and shade, should be destroyed without a very urgent reason. Mr. Clark's knowledge of trees and their care is broad and scientific. He has done so much to protect and preserve the trees of Northampton and contiguous territory that on his 80th birthday Northampton gave him a public banquet and there was not a hall in that city large enough to hold those who on that occasion wished to pay him tribute and honor.

Should we not heed the teachings of this expert in the care and preservation of trees?

One of the chief assets of this beautiful old town is here wonderful trees. These are attracting strangers who, having leisure and a competency, are seeking attractive places in which to live. Can we afford to take away one jot or tittle from the beauty of our town? Rather ought not we join hand in hand in a determination at all cost to preserve and increase it?

If these trees are destroyed for the purpose indicated they can never be replaced but if one dies its place can easily be refilled.

N. P. Wood.

BRUCE AMSBURY.

Mr. Bruce Ambury, poet, author and entertainer, will be the next attraction offered by the Northfield Lecture Course Committee. Mr. Ambury will give an evening of humorous and miscellaneous selections at the Town hall Tuesday, Dec. 7, beginning at 8 p. m. He comes with the highest recommendations and we anticipate an entertainment of more than ordinary excellence.

Fifty visiting cards, correct in size and style according to prevailing etiquette, together with engraved plate, may be obtained of the Northfield Press for one dollar. One hundred cards and plate, \$1.35. A useful and choice gift for any of your folks when their birthdays come around, or at Christmas.

EAST NORTHFIELD

Boys' Bridge entertainment in Skinner Gymnasium next Monday evening. F. C. Holton and H. S. Stone have sold their house on Burnham road to Miss Maria L. Hillas.

Miss Hope Walker returned from Brooklyn on Friday. Mrs. Cheney left for her home last Saturday.

Miss Ruth Crane has returned to Orange after a 5 weeks' visit with her aunt, Miss Chas. Stebbins.

Master Walter Crane of Orange spent Thanksgiving with his grandmother, Mrs. Chas. Stebbins.

The Packard touring car belonging to the hotel is spending the winter in the Weldon Garage at Greenfield.

Miss Florine Lyman and her brother Theo of Springfield, spent Sunday with their parents Mr. and Mrs. D. Everett Lyman.

Among the guests at Hotel Northfield are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Bodfish of Vineyard Haven, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Woodard of Boston.

About 300 parcels were received by the seminary students who remained here over Thanksgiving and yet no serious results have been reported.

W. H. Brown, who has been engineer at the seminary for the past few years has resigned in order to accept a position at Westover school, Middlebury, Conn.

Mrs. Julia Starr and Miss Nellie Starr were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Colton for Thanksgiving. Miss Starr returned to Uncasville, Conn., on Saturday.

Miss Zabriskie was back in town for Thanksgiving, staying at Miss Hull's. She returned to Babylon, L. T., on Monday, where she is with Mrs. Paul D. Moody.

Mr. Marshall Darrack's interpretation of "The Tempest" at Stone Hall last Monday evening was greatly enjoyed by the audience. Mr. Darrack is justly eminent in his art.

Rev. Adam Murrman has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Congregational church at Shelburne, this county. He has been occupying the pulpit Sundays for some time past, and will now take up the work permanently.

Mrs. Pitts' Thanksgiving house party included Misses Margaret Edgar, Mary Phillips and Rose Brown of Vassar college; Miss Cecile Vall of Smith college; Messrs. Langmuir, Coan, Schaffner and Frank Pitt of Williams college. Most of these are from Highland Park, Illinois. The weather permitted enjoyable drives to Crag Mountain, Brattleboro and Greenfield.

Miss Margaret Slattery of Fitchburg addressed the students in Sage Chapel last Sunday evening. On Friday and Saturday afternoons she spoke before the Bible school and at noon on Saturday addressed the Mt. Hermon students in the Mt. Hermon chapel. Miss Slattery was accompanied during her visit here by Miss Ruth Ray, formerly teacher of vocal music in the seminary. Her father, the Rev. Edward C. Ray, D. D., conducted the services at Mt. Hermon on Sunday.

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Mrs. Parker heard the rattle and squeak of a wagon, and moved by a gentle friendliness, looked out the window to see who was passing. "I declare, it's the doctor!" she exclaimed. "I guess I must be getting deaf and stupid not to know old Barnum's jog and the sound of the doctor's wheels. Always need a little grease. But he don't," she added, warmly. "He's oiled to all eternity; never any but mellow sounds come from him."

"Oh, I guess Doctor Harley means to be pleasant," said Ethel, with reluctance.

Mrs. Parker looked at her visiting niece. "Means?" she repeated. "Why, he is pleasant year in and year out, in joy and in sorrow."

"There's such a thing as being too pleasant," hinted Ethel.

"Why, Ethel!" exclaimed Mrs. Parker, with as much severity as she could assume. "If you've got a grudge against Doctor Harley out with it."

"I suppose it is just his way," said Ethel, weakly, yet with a touch of vindictiveness in her voice.

"What's 'his way'? Come, don't

mull it over," advised Mrs. Parker. "He doesn't take one seriously," said Ethel, with dignity.

"Not unless you're awful young," Mrs. Parker dryly commented.

"I met him last week," continued Ethel, shedding her aunt's mild satire, "and there'd been something I'd wanted to ask him for a long time, but I didn't quite like to go to his office—about—my freckles," and her face flushed rosily under its golden spatterwork.

"I'd read ever, so many recipes for removing freckles," she went on, "but they were made of such queer-sounding things and the proportions were so vague that I was afraid if I used them I might come out spotted with green or purple, and look worse than ever. But just before I came on from Ohio I read something in a 'Beauty Column' that sounded harmless. So when I happened to meet the doctor, I said:

"'Doctor Harley, I believe eating cucumbers is a sure cure for freckles. Is it?'"

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well suited to the semi-pleated gown. There are several patterns for the shoulders, which mean becoming fulness, and there are sleeves of the very newest design.



A great many materials are appropriate, but cashmere in one of the beautiful new wine shades with the sleeve puffs of crepe, Ninon and the trimming of silk, embroidered, make the combination, illustrated. The chemisette and the under-sleeves are of cream-colored net, however, giving a bit of brightness and relief to the whole. For the garniture, either the same or contrasting material can be embroidered, braided with soutache or overlaid with applique, or the garniture could be cut from one of the beautiful jetted or beaded nets if such suited the material of the gown. The new trimmings are marvelously beautiful in color, and selecting something suitable and effective is an exceedingly simple matter. For the waist itself every reasonable material is appropriate.

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AROUND THE HUB
(Special Correspondence.)

The Political Game.

Ex-Mayor John F. Fitzgerald submitted to James J. Storrow the proposition the other day that each limit his campaign expenses to \$10,000, and publish the contributions and expenditures before election.

Mr. Fitzgerald says that he makes the proposition in the interest of the poor man's candidacy, and in order that the people of Boston may reap the full benefit from the charter amendment adopted at the state election.

Admitting that Mr. Storrow can raise \$10 to his \$1, he asks him to forego this advantage to "make a notable contribution in the cause of cleaner politics and better government in his city."

Mr. Storrow in reply plainly rejects the proposition, though not in so many words, and tells Mr. Fitzgerald he has "earned the reputation of spending larger sums to advance your personal interests than any other man who ever sought political office in Boston."

He accuses Mr. Fitzgerald as mayor of paying political debts at the expense of the city.

His own campaign expenses, he says, he does not believe will be as large as Mr. Fitzgerald's and he promises that if he is elected every cent spent on his account will be publicly acknowledged.

Submarines Commissioned.

Lieut. Gilbert Chase, U. S. N., who has been in charge of the naval recruiting station in the Pittsburg district, has reported at the Charlestown navy yard as the new ordnance officer for the battleship Vermont.

The five submarine boats at the Charlestown navy yard were all commissioned for active service last week. Lieut. Owen Hill took command of the Grayling, Lieut. P. P. Bassett of the Tarpon, Lieut. J. C. Townsend of the Narwhal, E. B. Armstrong of the Stingray and Lieut. F. V. McNair of the Bonita. It is expected that the Salmon and Snapper, still at the Fore River shipbuilding yards, will be delivered at the yard within the next few weeks.

Preparations are being made to have the little ships in readiness so they may be towed to the Charlestown, S. C., navy yard, where the reserve torpedo flotilla is being mobilized. The U. S. auxiliary Dixie will consort the submarines from this yard to Charleston.

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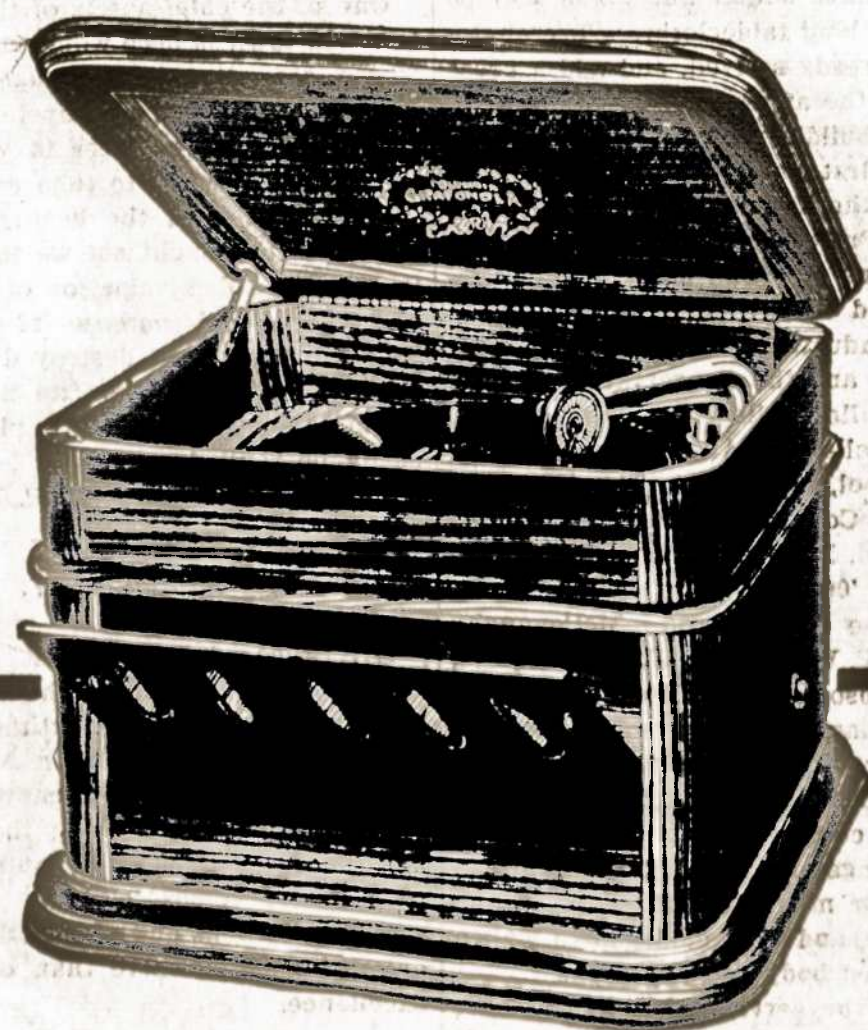
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Portland, Me., to Chicago, by way of exercise, was in Boston recently, calling on a few of the many friends he has in this city.

Mr. Weston, who makes his home in New York, went to Providence to spend Thanksgiving with his sister. He is the picture of robust health, and although he is well along in the 70s is much more active than the average man of 30. He attributes his fine health to his life long devotion to pedestrianism, and is untiring in his advocacy of long walks in the open air as the surest means of retaining physical vigor and happiness.

OF AN EVENING.

There's a heap of satisfaction, when the nights are growin' long,
And the lark has ceased to wake you in the mornin' with a song,
When the leaves are turnin' yellow and a breeze is in the grate,
When there isn't anybody in the whole world that you hate,
To sit dreamin' as you're smokin', with your wife beside your chair,
And your daughter in the parlor, singin' somethin' there.

There's a heap of satisfaction when there ain't no debts to pay
And you've got a little money laid up for the rainy day,
When there isn't any mortgage that'll soon be comin' due,
And you know that there's nobody who can blame his woes on you,
To sit back and take it easy, with your feet up on a chair,
And your daughter in the parlor, singin' "Annie Laurie" there.

There's a heap of satisfaction, as I've mentioned heretofore,
When you needn't worry over makin' payments any more,
When you're wearin' easy slippers and the nights grow long and cool,
And your girl ain't gettin' ready to go off somewhere to school,
To sit back and hear her gladly trillin' out some sweet old air,
To the well-to-do young fellow with her in the parlor there.

—B. E. Kiser, in Chicago Record-Herald.

A SKUNK DINNER

By MRS. J. W. PHELPS

Neither Mr. or Mrs. Higgins premeditated this dinner. Like lots of other things in this world, it was unexpectedly thrust upon them. While Mrs. Higgins found herself, when warm weather came, quite "put to it" to manage the meat question without ice, still in her most despairing moments of what to have to eat, she never thought of resorting to skunk. Likewise it never occurred to Mr. Higgins to get out some night and eke out the provisions with skunk meat. They both knew that skunks lived on their hill; not that they had seen them, it had not been necessary. So far, however, the idea of eating skunk meat was a thought which had never entered the heads of this young city couple who were spending their first year in the country. The one definite idea that they both had about this animal was to keep as far from it as possible. They did not know what a skunk looked like and they did not care. Their noses gave them all the information that they wanted. Every time they rushed out to see if one was hanging around the chickens, they shivered to think what they would do if they actually found one.

Mrs. Higgins knew she should run, chickens or no chickens, as fast as she could for the house and lock the doors.

"And leave me all alone," Mr. Higgins had asked.

"To kill the skunk. What else would you do?" promptly answered his wife. Mr. Higgins did not know of anything else to do, but he wondered to himself how he would kill the enemy.

It remained for Mr. Higgins' sister and the early peas, both nice things in their different ways, to precipitate the youthful Higginses into that game dinner wherein the skunk furnished the game.

The first of June brought Mr. Higgins' sister from Boston to spend the summer. She was a little older than Mrs. Higgins and had that aid of distinction that an unmarried woman gets who is still young, good-looking and who might have been married several times if she had wished. There is something in this atmosphere around the unmarried woman that makes the young married woman feel a little uncomfortable as if she had been too hasty, perhaps, in marrying. Mrs. Higgins had this uncomfortable feeling now. She felt sure that Helen, on principle, would not have married the first man who proposed to her, even if it had been Tom. Perhaps she had been hasty and she began to look at Tom from quite a critical point of view. Incidentally Mr. Higgins began to feel uncomfortable.

"What's the matter?" he broke out one day. "I'm the same as ever so far as I know but something seems wrong about me to you most every day. What's up?"

Nothing was up, Mrs. Higgins assured him. She could not very well tell him what was the matter, and he with his unelastic man brain, never thought of connecting his sister's coming with the crop of faults that seemed suddenly, and to him unexplainedly, coming out on him.

Then Mr. Higgins looked upon her sister-in-law with awe because she was such a fine cook. She surely was. Tom had always talked of Helen's cooking ever since Mrs. Higgins could remember. This had been worse than listening to tales of "mother's cooking," because mothers-in-law are so much older that they ought to be able to cook better, but Helen was not much older than she. And Helen was certainly fond of cooking. She loved nothing better than to be in pantry and kitchen among pots and pans. Like all born cooks, Helen liked to experiment and never felt obliged to hold to cook books. And herein lurked one of the possibilities of the skunk dinner, towards which circumstances were driving the Higginses. Helen liked not only to cook old things in new ways but to cook new things in new ways, and best of all, to discover new articles which could be used for food. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins had already had a taste of this as she had cooked about all the green things growing on the hill for "greens" singly and in combinations. Then she began on the weeds in the garden.

Mr. Higgins, although dubious as to their food value, did not think it a bad scheme for weeding, but Mrs. Higgins looked on sweetly, on the outside, but strongly disapproving on the inside and a firm determination never to eat these weeds, boiled, fried or fricasseed. So, Helen went on in her experiments, and, at least, none of them were poisoned, which went in a negative way to prove that they were articles of food, such things as plantain, sorrel, pig weed, dock, dandelions, etc. They could all be eaten as soups or "greens." Helen had reached live-for-ever, the stuff you blow the leaves up into balloons if you are an inquiring youngster, when the beautiful rows of early peas that were growing so finely was discovered one day to have the appearance of having been cut across the top, so evenly were the vines nibbled off, leaving a symmetrical looking row, but promising alas! no early peas, if this unknown pruner kept up his work.

This diversion was a fortunate thing, although unseen to the Higginses the skunk dinner was to come out of it. Mr. Higgins had gotten so sick of the sight of anything green on the table that he had declared himself quite regardless of words that night to his wife after the day on which Helen had discovered live-for-ever and knew that it would be a good substitute for asparagus. Mrs. Higgins had had worried dreams all night of angry brothers and sisters, and live-for-ever asparagus salad and weed purees, but waked to find the East Hartford peas the main worry after all. In a day or two several more inches had been nibbled or cut off by some unseen animal.

"It must be a woodchuck," said Mr. Higgins.

"Or a rabbit," said Helen.

"Or a skunk," said Mrs. Higgins with a shiver. Poor soul, if she could have foreseen.

"Anyhow, it calls for a trap," said Mr. Higgins decidedly, and straightway brought out from the city a 25-cent trap and next day there was a skunk in the trap! They all went out to view it. "Like a coarse black cat with a white stripe," was the verdict and the women were going back into the house when a thoughtful look came over Helen's face. "Why not cook it?" she said. "Seems as if I ought to be able to make some palatable dish out of it."

"Cook it!" gasped Mrs. Higgins.

"Cook skunk! Holy Smokes!" ejaculated Mr. Higgins, eyeing the skunk rather furtively. "Who'd cook a skunk?"

"Why, I shall, of course, Tom. I'll get you up a game dinner that will be better than any you ever ate, I've heard that it's really fine meat and nicer than chicken!"

Mr. and Mrs. Higgins looked at her in astonishment. But Helen was obstinate. She wanted to try cooking something she never had cooked. She knew that it had been served at game suppers and was considered a fine dish. "Why, they say no one ever knows what it is until after they are told."

"But the smell," breathed forth Mrs. Higgins, who had recovered enough from her astonishment to talk again. Mr. Higgins was silent for his brain was working hard at a proposition which he suddenly found himself up against. He would have to skin that animal for his sister was "dead set" to experiment upon it and experience had taught him that the shortest and easiest way for all concerned was to get their cooking experiment over as quickly as possible. Therefore, the skunk must be skinned. He would skin it. And how the deuce was he going to do it.

"The smell, why that," answered Helen rather loftily, "that has nothing to do with the meat, that all comes off, ah, with the skin, who know. Let me see, yes, I'll fricasee it, make a gravy. Now Tom, you must get it dressed. Do you know how?"

"Oh, of course," replied Tom sarcastically. "I've skinned skunks all my life, so this is right in my line of work."

"Are you going to—" began Mrs. Higgins.

"To what," demanded Mr. Higgins of his little wife.

"Are you going to—to eat any?"

"Not until it's cooked," mischievously answered Mr. Higgins who simply never could let a chance go by to tease.

"It's skin the cat I have to do now. Dinner isn't ready yet, my love. You must rise to the occasion and be game, too." And Mr. Higgins took up the animal as nonchalantly as if a shiver hadn't run up and down him inside, gaily calling out, as he disappeared into the woodshed, "We have the game and we will have the game dinner."

Helen went briskly into the house. New words to conquer in cooking that was enough to put her into glow of happiness all over. Mrs. Higgins sat disconsolately under a chestnut tree. This was terrible. If only Helen would want to cook everything—what would be the next thing? Chestnut leaf soup like enough or snakes! She had read once of a people eating rattlesnake. Here a sudden thought struck her. She didn't have to eat any of that horrid dinner! She sank back feeling much relieved. She wouldn't eat the teeniest, tiniest bit, but there was no use saying so until dinner.

"Do not put up the umbrella until it rains!" Likewise, she would have nothing to do with cooking such a thing. That was easy because Helen would not want her around anyhow. She really might as well do a little embroidery on her new waist.

Meanwhile, Mr. Higgins was getting busy. "Jingoes, if this doesn't stop Helen's wanting to cook any old thing she runs across, I don't know what will! It's a wonder that some of us have not been poisoned before this—"

"Tom, dear," Helen interrupted at this point, "you want to be very careful not to let any of that, that, you know what, drop on the floor, or to get a drop on the meat."

Tom was wrestling at this time too hard getting the outside of the animal off, to speak. "There, I guess that's done and your game will soon be ready for the pot. Sure you know how to cook it?"

"Why, of course I can cook it," answered Helen, confidently. Just then, a suspicion of a whiff of something made her nose all attention. The suspicion of a whiff of something grew rapidly into a certainty of something. Instinctively, she gathered her skirts together and fled back into the ends of the kitchen.

"What have you done, Tom Higgins?" she demanded. "You've gone and done just what I was telling you to be very, very careful not to do."

"It was only a drop that dropped on the floor," replied Tom, calmly. "Girls are always fussy over little things. What's a drop anyhow? Now if it had been a quart or even a pint, don't you know?"

"Don't joke; that only makes things worse after you have been so careless. A drop, why this kitchen is full of it now."

"Oh, come, now, I'm not joking. I'm only looking at the bright side of things. (That's a clean hit at sis, anyhow.) A drop isn't much. Think how much worse it would have been if—"

"Tom Higgins, just give me that meat if you have it ready."

"It dropped on the meat," calmly finished Tom, bringing in the animal. He proceeded to wash and wash and to put wash dish after wash dish of water on the pansy bed. Helen did not seem to get about her task very quickly.

"Not game after all," her brother said, cheerfully. "Let's have flapjacks for dinner instead, with lots of maple syrup."

"Why, I am going to cook this. What made you think I wasn't?"

"Oh—nothing. Flapjacks are always good, though." Just then Mrs. Higgins burst in.

"What have you done, Tom. It smells as if we kept skunks all over the farm, outdoors, on the veranda, and this kitchen. Oh! isn't it dreadful?"

"Only a drop, my dear; it will soon evaporate, I'm sure," explained Mr. Higgins, as he dried his hands for the twentieth time.

"Evaporate, why," sniffing delicately, "your clothes seem to smell, too—Oh," as a sudden thought struck her, "I wonder if mine will," and Mrs. Higgins started out the door calling back, "You'd better take that suit right off and hang it on the line."

"Dear, no, it suits the general atmosphere. I'll wait until after dinner." And Mr. Higgins, after a very enjoyable look at his sister Helen behind her back, went out to hoe in his vegetable garden, and to set the trap again, for it might be a woodchuck after all after the peas.

Mrs. Higgins came around an hour later.

"It's all through the house, even upstairs," she said ominously.

"And outdoors, too, if I mistake not," continued her husband.

"I shall not eat a bit of it, if Helen never speaks to me again. Oh, how can she cook it?"

"Search me," slangily answered Mr. Higgins, and his wife was so perturbed that she never noticed it.

"I wonder how hungry we shall be by tea time," continued his wife in a

dreary tone. "How hungry do you get to be in seven hours' time?"

"A good day to cultivate your spirit and mortify the flesh," was Mr. Higgins' comment as he pulled vigorously at weeds.

Mrs. Higgins blazed up. While embroidering, she had been thinking some. "Why don't you stand up and say you won't have it? That Helen's got to stop, and it's your house and you don't want it, and your wife—but I don't suppose you'd consider me. Helen must do just as she wants, but lots of things I want to do, you don't want me to."

"What things?" asked the matter-of-fact Mr. Higgins.

"Why, I can't think off hand, but lots of things. Anyhow, you just let your sister run over you. I believe you're afraid of her!"

"You would be if you knew her as well as I do," replied Mr. Higgins seriously. Then, taking pity of his poor, distracted wife, he added, "I'll bet you a five pound box that this will end Helen's experimenting on us!"

"Well," said Mrs. Higgins, who had not thought of this before, somewhat mollified, "anyhow, you ought to stop such a proceeding as this."

"I'm going to stop the whole blessed business. There is more than one way to skin a skunk!" And a broad grin ran over his face.

"Dinner is ready," came in even tones from the door. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins went down into a house that was well filled with the odorous skunk smell, and found the fried red skunk arranged on a platter with dumplings, if you please, and a thickened gravy.

"Whew," said Mr. Higgins to himself, when he saw the dumplings, "Helen is game to the end!"

"After they had sat down to their game dinner, Helen said:

"I made the dumplings because there did not seem to be enough meat to go around."

Mr. Higgins, with greatest difficulty, checked half way the biggest laugh he'd had coming to him for many a day. He served the dinner.

"It's unfortunate that this smell got through the house, for really the meat does not smell at all or only the tiniest bit," for Helen was honest.

"Have you tried it? Have you tasted it?" pressed her brother, seeing her hesitate.

"Why, yes, well, no, not really, but I will now," and Helen took a very tiny bit of meat and tasted it. Then she nibbled the top of a dumpling.

"Finest meat you ever ate?" inquired her brother, heartlessly.

"Well, it's really all right; it really is, Tom; if it wasn't for this—"

"I understand, sis, too much flavor. But how about that club dinner where the swells ate it and liked it so well till they knew what it was?" pursued Mr. Higgins.

"I'm afraid I didn't really know how to cook it. There probably is a way to cook it to make it a palatable dish as well as an economical one." This was a great concession for Helen.

Tom, meanwhile, had discovered that the dumplings had apparently not been cooked in the same kettle with the skunk meat, and was busily eating the tops off them. Being an optimistic fellow, he was thankful for the tops of dumplings. Mrs. Higgins talked fluently and ate nothing, but cut off little pieces with many an inside shiver, and fed the cat under the table. She also noted but said nothing, that Helen herself ate none of her game dinner. Mr. Higgins also observed this fact, chuckling inwardly down to his toes. After the dumplings had been all decapitated by Mr. Higgins, his sister cleared the table and brought in a spanking big Indian pudding with a generous pitcher of cream. This helped the game dinner wonderfully and by the time that Mr. Higgins got through with that pudding even his wife thought he would be safe until tea time.

So ended the game dinner which no one ate, but not its fame, for that grew, and spread far, as it was asking altogether too much of Mr. Higgins to keep such a think to himself.—Hartford Courant.

Rooster on Cowcatcher.

When the 3.40 express arrived yesterday afternoon people noticed that little Robert Thompson, who was in the crowd, started on a run for the engine. In a minute or two he climbed on the front of the locomotive and as people began to call to the engineer to look out for the boy, Robert jumped to the platform with a large Plymouth Rock rooster in his arms.

It had been picked up somewhere on the route by the locomotive; its feet caught so that it was held and Robert secured it practically unharmed.—Lee Correspondence of Springfield Republican.

Not Universally Impossible.

"You can't get something for nothing in this life," said the ready-made philosopher.

"No," answered Mr. Lamkinson. "I can't. But the chaps I have done business with in Wall street seem to manage it."—Washington Star.

Great Britain's foreign trade in nine months of the present year has increased 41.2 percent. Imports have risen \$7,290,000 and exports \$5,899,000.



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BEAVERS DESTROY FENCES.

Make Away With Half Mile for Ranchman in Colorado.

Beaver have been accumulating in the state to such an extent that they have destroyed property in some instances and the owners of the property have had to apply to the game commissioner's office for permits to kill them, says the Denver Republican.

Anthony Sneeve, a wealthy cattleman, living 15 miles up Brush Creek from Gypsum Co., secured a permit recently and brought in ten hides a few days ago. He built a half-mile fence from quaking aspens last fall on one portion of his ranch, but the winter being long the beavers' supply of food ran out. They sailed forth and found that fence a tempting morsel. Every post was cut off close to the ground and the beavers then cut the rails into short lengths, stowing these in their huts until they were read to eat the bark. Then they carried the wood out and floated it down stream.

A Mrs. Bond living half a mile below Pine in Platte canon also secured a permit to kill a beaver colony on her place. She planted a handsome grove of shade trees a few years ago, and they are now in a flourishing condition, but a colony of beavers built a dam in the Platte during the late winter and they insist upon stealing her rice, soft shade trees unless she stands guard over them with a club nearly all the time.

FEMININE NEWS NOTES.

Viola Allen, actress, is forty. Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson denied charges of mental malpractice.

Salina Williams, a writer known as "Tarpley Starr," died in Winchester, Va.

Miss Mabel Barnum has been appointed assistant librarian in the Boston Athenaeum.

Mrs. Caroline Dressler, of New York City, dislocated her jaw twice laughing at a joke.

Mrs. Stetson vacated her former home, adjoining the First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City.

Mrs. Nellie Showmen has been licensed, at Altoona, Pa., to preach in the Church of the United Brethren.

The Equal Franchise Society cut its annual dues to attract professional women and those working in offices.

Mrs. Newell Dwight Hillis' statement that the American woman is self-centred, ungenerous, selfish and idle.

Mrs. Russell Sage has offered half a million dollars to the American Bible Society if an equal amount can be raised.

There are three women among the nominees for the next Norwegian Parliament. One was chosen by the Liberals and two by the Socialists.

Miss Lillian Close, who last year won the beauty prize offered by the Daily Mirror, is said to be the most photographed woman in England.

William H. Low, dean of the American artist-illustrators, and Mary Louise Fairchild MacMonnies, the sculptor, were married at the Protestant Church L'Oratoire du Louvre, Paris.

Miss M. Ellis has been elected librarian of the Belleville, Ill., public library. The library has been in existence more than thirty years and Miss Ellis is the first woman to be librarian. She is twenty-three.

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Rat Extermination.

Consul General John Edward Jones, at Winnipeg, reports that active measures are being taken by the Manitoba government to rid the province of rats, which made their appearance in the grain fields and granaries last spring.

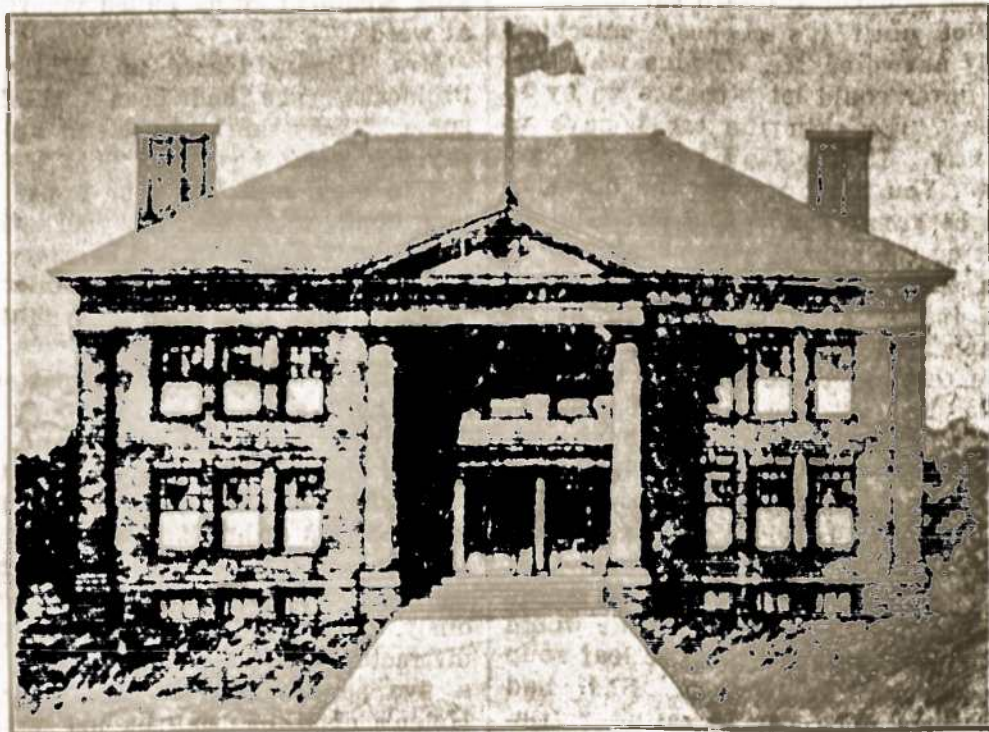
Though the co-operation of the chemists of the Agricultural College in Winnipeg a virus has been produced which, it is claimed, is fatal to rats and easily communicable to others. As the rodents when discovered had already made their way into the fields, this method of ridding the country was deemed most efficacious. The virus produces a fatal fever in the rodents, which much resembles typhoid. It was found impracticable to distribute this virus broadcast to farmers, so a supply has been sent to the secretaries of the various municipalities together with instructions for use.—Consular Report.

The high price of wheat has caused the British farmer to alter greatly the layout of his yearly crops. In the last year the acreage under wheat in England increased no less than 12 per cent, or nearly 200,000 acres.

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

Work was just started on the new high school building on the south half of the Field lot, when a petition, signed

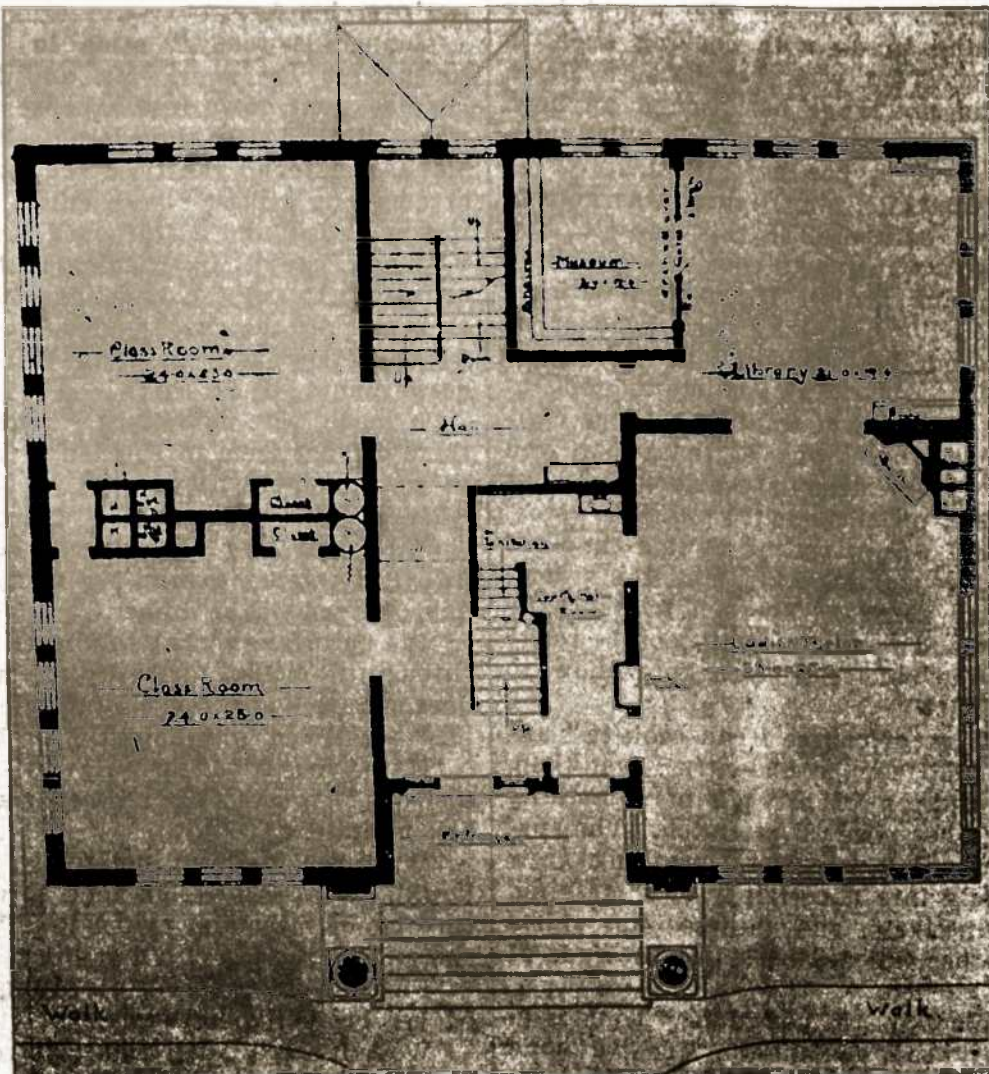
m. on Wednesday next, December 8, to see if the town will rescind its last vote and locate the building on the middle of the lot, not more than



FRONT VIEW.

by many representative citizens was sent in to the selectmen to call another town meeting on the ground that

80 feet and not less than 60 feet west of the centre of the sidewalk. The accompanying illustrations



PLAN OF FIRST FLOOR.

the vote taken on November 22 does not represent the present sentiment of the voters as regards the location. A meeting will therefore be held at 10 a.

noon on Wednesday next, December 8, to see if the town will rescind its last vote and locate the building on the middle of the lot, not more than

WARWICK.

Mrs. Jones is seriously ill, being threatened with pneumonia.

Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Barney spent Thanksgiving with friends in Lynn. Sheldon Houghton and Augustine Wetherbee spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Houghton.

Dr. F. E. Emrich, secretary of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, spoke at the Congregational Church Tuesday evening.

Mrs. F. O. Bennett and her daughter, Miss Sadie Bennett, attended the golden anniversary of the wedding of Mr. Bennett's great uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Luman Clarke, which was held at their home in Brattleboro, Vt., last Tuesday.

A party was given at the home of Rev. H. C. Alvord, pastor of the Old South Congregational Church, South Weymouth, Mass., last Wednesday night by Miss Ruth Alvord in honor of the engagement of her brother, H. B. Alvord, to Miss Margaret Graham, daughter of Rev. John Graham, pastor of the Congregational Church, Prof. Charles Breed and John Howard, instructors in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, of which Mr. Alvord is a graduate, and now an assistant teacher, were present. Also Edward Goldsberry, Joe Sanderson, Mr. Graham and daughter Jeanie and many other friends. Refreshments were served by Miss Mattie Sampson and Miss Miriam Fearing.

In a process recently patented in Germany for the regeneration of vulcanized India rubber fragments of old rubber are mixed with from one-tenth to one-fifth their weight of aniline, and the mixture is heated until it becomes fluid.

The battleships Massachusetts and Indiana, the armor for which was manufactured about 1895, carry a main belt of armor which contains plates 18 inches thick at the top edge, containing 18 inches in thickness to a point below the water line, and tapering from that point to eight inches thick at the bottom edge.

THE FORTNIGHTLY.

The Fortnightly meeting of Monday afternoon was both pleasant and profitable. Mrs. Ella C. Wilson who is so soon to leave town made some explanation of the year's program and expressed her regret that she should not be able to follow it through the year. In a summary of the history of the club and of its modest beginning, Mrs. Wood stated that of the thirty-seven original members, twenty-one are still identified with the club while ten of the others have moved away. The inception and formation of the Fortnightly were largely due to the interest and enthusiasm of one woman, the present chairman of the literary committee, Mrs. Ella C. Wilson. In a graceful manner Mrs. Wood expressed the sincere regret of the club at Mrs. Wilson's departure, and presented her with a brooch as a material evidence of our appreciation and love.

Mediaeval Institutions, Monasteries, Cathedrals, Education, and The Jesuits were topics for the afternoon. In a simple concise manner Miss Pauline Sykes described the position of the church in Mediaeval times, its identity with literature, art, music, and education; the beginnings and uses of the various monasteries, and the influence of the church in all that made for culture. Noted cathedrals of France were described by Mrs. Carrie Britton and illustrated by twenty-five or more photographs of famous cathedrals. Mrs. Alice Wright read an excellent paper on the Jesuits. To illustrate the peculiar beliefs and teachings of the times Miss Emma Alexander read three stories, the ones about the eagle and pelican being particularly absurd in the line of natural history. Following the meeting tea was served and an informal social enjoyed.

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